

UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE



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WHAT IS THE UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE?

2. UNIQUE IN ITS TEACHINGS

HEBREWS 4:12 (AMP)

For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The Bible contains unique teachings not found in any of the other religious texts of the world. For instance:

- The Bible is the only religious Scripture that offers eternal salvation as a free gift entirely by God's grace and mercy.
- Only the Bible describes the creation of the universe by God from outside space and time and then gives a continuous historical record from the first man, Adam, to the end of history.
- Only the Bible has unique theological content that includes the Trinity (that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), the sinful nature of humanity, and the physical resurrection of Jesus from death.
- Only the Bible offers a realistic and permanent remedy for the problem of human sin and evil.
- Only the Bible has a person-specific (Christ-centered) focus for each of its 66 books, detailing Christ's life in prophecy 400-1500 years before his birth on earth.
- Only the Bible proclaims a resurrection of its central figure that is proven in history.
- Only the Bible is fully one-quarter prophetic, containing a total of some 400 complete pages of predictions.
- Only the Bible contains detailed prophecies about the coming Savior of the world and whose prophecies have proven true in history.

Jesus Christ fulfilled every single prediction about Him. Consider the following:

- He would be born of a virgin (Cross reference Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:22-23)
- He would come from the line of King David (Cross reference 2 Samuel 7:12-13 with Luke 1:31)
- He would be born in Bethlehem (Cross reference Micah 5:2-3 with Matthew 2:5-6)
- He would be called Emmanuel (Cross reference Isaiah 7:14 with Matthew 1:23)
- His friend would betray him for thirty pieces of silver
(Cross reference Psalm 41:9, Zechariah 11:12-13 with Matthew 26:14-16, 21-25)



The truth is, the Bible is such a complex book full of treasures, full of important facts, full of history, full of biographies, full of poetry, full of wisdom and truth.

That's why we should read it.

That's why we should study it.

That's why we should listen to it (Sunday, Ethos, etc).

That's why we should discuss it (huddles).

That's why we should memorize it.

That's why we should meditate on it.

And when it comes to meditating on the Bible, some of the reasons why we should meditate on the Bible?

A. TO LEARN THE TRUTH

ACTS 17:11 (ERV)

The people in Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica. They were so glad to hear the message Paul told them. They studied the Scriptures every day to make sure that what they heard was really true.

B. TO GROW IN DISCERNMENT

PSALM 119:11 (ERV)

I study your teachings very carefully so that I will not sin against you.

C. TO DEFEND OUR FAITH

1 PETER 3:15 (AMP)

But in your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord. Always be ready to give a [logical] defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope and confident assurance [elicited by faith] that is within you, yet [do it] with gentleness and respect.

QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLE DISCUSSION:

1. Why is the Bible necessary for you?
2. What is the Bible personally teaching you today (or this season)?